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SUBJECT: ATTITUDES OF AND USG GUIDANCE FOR AMERICAN INVESTERS
IN ANGOLA

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1. FONMIN MWAANGA RECENTLY RAISED WITH US HIS CONCERN
OVER POSSIBLE RESISTANCE TO CHANGE IN ANGOLA ON PART
OF FOREIGN INVESTORS. MWAANGA SUGGESTED THAT USG
SHOULD "ASSIST" AMERICAN COMPANIES THERE BY ADVISING
THEM TO ACCEPT CHANGE.

2. WE HAVE VERY LITTLE INFORMATION HERE ABOUT ATTITUDES
OF AMERICAN INVESTORS TOWARD CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS
IN ANGOLA. WE ARE AWARE THAT IN SEPTEMBER THERE WERE SOME
EXCHANGES BETWEEN GULF OIL AND THE DEPARTMENT
BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND IN LUANDA ABOUT APPROACHES
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MADE TO GULF BY VARIOUS ANGOLAN LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS AND BY CABINDAN SEPARATISTS. AT

THAT TIME GULF OFFICIALS EXPLAINED THEIR
POLICY WAS ONE OF WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN
TO ALL PARTIES BUT TO JOIN NONE. WE ASSUME
THAT IS STILL THE CASE AND THAT GULF OIL'S
POLICY IS DUPLICATED TO GREATER OR LESSER
DEGREE BY OTHER IMPORTANT AMERICAN INVESTORS
IN ANGOLA. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL
TO US IN OUR CONTACTS WITH ZAMBIAN LEADERS
HERE WERE WE ABLE TO GIVE THEM, IF ONLY IN
VERY GENERAL TERMS, AN UPDATED READING ON
HOW AMERICAN INVESTORS VIEW DEVELOPMENTS IN
ANGOLA AND STEPS, IF ANY, THEY ARE TAKING OR
ARE PREPARED TO TAKE IN EXPECTATION OF PROGRESS
TOWARD INDEPENDENCE WITHIN NEXT FEW YEARS.

3. FOR OUR BACKGROUND IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL IF
DEPARTMENT AND CONGEN LUANDA COULD PROVIDE
US WITH WHATEVER GUIDANCE THEY MAY BE USING
CURRENTLY IN BRIEFING PRESENT OR POTENTIAL
AMERICAN INVESTORS ABOUT ANGOLAN SITUATION.
TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE
AUTHORIZED TO PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO
MWAANGA AND OTHER SENIOR ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS
IF DOING SO WOULD HELP REASSURE THEM THAT
USG IS APPROACHING QUESTION OF ANGOLA'S
FUTURE IN A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE FASHION.
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